

## **COVID-19 Issues Tracker & Top-Tier Coverage**

### **NEWS UPDATES**

**Thursday, March 26, 2020**

#### **Notable Updates**

##### *U.S. News*

- According to national COVID-19 [trackers](#), there are currently over 69,246 cases of coronavirus confirmed by lab tests in all 50 states with over 1,046 deaths reported. Notable new cases include:
  - The US has reached [1,000 deaths](#) due to coronavirus
  - The US saw it's [deadliest day](#) with more than 200 deaths reported
  - 385 people in [New York state](#) have died from coronavirus.
  - California coronavirus cases are [doubling every three to four days](#)
- According to the White House task force [briefing](#) Wednesday night:
  - President Trump approved of major disaster declarations for New York, California, Washington, Iowa, Louisiana, Texas, and Florida
  - Through FEMA, the federal government has delivered, or is in the process of shipping 9.4 million N95 respirators
  - 150 countries now have coronavirus cases
  - The US government sent 4,000 ventilators to New York City
  - He went over the \$2 trillion stimulus deal, which gives \$100 billion to hospitals and \$150 billion to states for specific coronavirus expenses
  - Secretary Mnuchin predicts this bill will keep the economy afloat for three months
  - Vice President Pence announced that 432,000 tests have been completed
- New states with restrictions to “non-essential” business or implementing “shelter-in-place” policies are: [Colorado, Minnesota and Idaho](#).
- The US Senate [approves \\$2 trillion stimulus deal](#) amid growing coronavirus fears
  - Under this plan, CEOs could still receive millions in compensation
- More than [3.3 million Americans filed jobless claims](#) this past week
- A [New York hospital](#) finds itself at the center of the coronavirus crisis and sees 13 coronavirus deaths in 24 hours
- An actor peddled a [fake coronavirus cure](#) online to millions, making this action the first feds charge in covid-19 prosecution
- [Ford CEO](#) Jim Hackett warned employees that “tougher actions” such as job cuts could be needed depending on the severity and length of the coronavirus pandemic.
- [Amazon](#) employees have tested positive for coronavirus at six different US warehouses
- A [Costco employee](#) who worked at the corporate headquarters near Seattle died from COVID-19. Some employees are upset the company is refusing to fully close the campus or direct all employees to work from home.
- [NBC Universal CEO](#), Jeff Shell, has tested positive for Coronavirus.

##### *International News*

- According to global COVID-19 [trackers and official counts](#), there are at least 492,603 cases confirmed globally in over 168 countries with at least 22,184 deaths. Notable new cases include:
  - The [global death toll passes 20,000](#)
- [G-20](#) leaders held remote video conference meeting to discuss coronavirus
- Italy's coronavirus deaths [pass 7,500](#) amid fears of COVID spreading to the south of the country
- Spanish [coronavirus deaths slow](#) for the first time in a week

#### **Top Tier Coverage:**

##### **Business**

- CNBC, [‘They’re putting us all at risk:’ What it’s like working in Amazon’s warehouses during the coronavirus outbreak](#)

- Politico: [Plastics industry goes after bag bans during pandemic](#)
- USA Today: [How well are we social distancing? Smartphone location data can rank the states](#)
- The Hill: [Your phone can tell you how well people in your community are practicing social distancing](#)
- Vox: [Like it or not, tech companies can use your phone location data to map social distancing](#)
- TIME: [An At-Home Coronavirus Test May Be on the Way in the U.S.](#)
- Business Insider: [Frito-Lay stops making snacks at its California plant after several employees show coronavirus symptoms](#)
- Reuters: [AMC Theatres furloughs CEO, corporate employees due to virus](#)
- Fortune: [Silicon Valley VC firm offers to expedite coronavirus tests to its investors](#)
- S Live: [Staten Island drive-through coronavirus site tests 3,300 in 5 days](#)
- Los Angeles Daily News: [Long lines, big demand: Still-limited LA-area drive-through coronavirus testing inches ahead](#)
- The New York Times: [In Coronavirus, Industry Sees Chance to Undo Plastic Bag Bans](#)
- Fox Business: [MyPillow, other US companies making face masks to meet coronavirus shortages](#)
- Eater, [The Cheesecake Factory Tells Landlords Across the Country It Won't Be Able to Pay Rent on April 1](#)
- MarketWatch, [Nordstrom extends store closures into April](#)

## Food

- KCRW (NPR): [Grocery supply chain struggles to handle coronavirus-driven demand](#)
- Financial Times: [How coronavirus is affecting pasta's complex supply chain](#)
- BBC News: [How are food supply networks coping with coronavirus?](#)
- Fortune: [3 reasons you shouldn't be worried about America's food supply right now](#)

## Health

- Vox, [Doctors and nurses treating coronavirus report high rates of depression and anxiety](#)
- USA Today, [People with disabilities are afraid they will be denied health care because of coronavirus](#)
- Washington Post, [Fauci's coronavirus reality check: 'You don't make the timeline. The virus makes the timeline.'](#)
- Fox News, [Coronavirus takes drastic toll on health-care providers across United States](#)
- The New York Times, [A.I. Versus the Coronavirus](#)
- Washington Post, [Hospitals consider universal do-not-resuscitate orders for coronavirus patients](#)
- CNN, [Questions arise after teen's death was initially linked to coronavirus in California](#)
- Washington Post, [A 'negative' coronavirus test result doesn't always mean you aren't infected](#)
- Vox, [Trump's reckless promotion of hydroxychloroquine to fight coronavirus, explained](#)
- The New York Times, [Can You Become Immune to the Coronavirus?](#)

## International

- Washington Post, [China orders decrease in international flights; foreign airlines allowed just one flight a week](#)
- The New York Times, [Fresh From Iran's Coronavirus Zone, Now Moving Across Afghanistan](#)
- Reuters, [Mexico government urges public to keep distance over coronavirus; president embraces crowds](#)
- Washington Post, [Japan bars entry from 21 European countries plus Iran as virus fears mount](#)
- The New York Times, [Europe Fumbled Coronavirus at First. Can It Manage the Pandemic Now?](#)
- Reuters, [Italian scientists investigate possible earlier emergence of coronavirus](#)
- Washington Post, [Hospitals consider universal do-not-resuscitate orders for coronavirus patients\](#)

- Reuters, [China orders sharp cuts in flights in, out of country to curb coronavirus risk](#)
- The New York Times, [Unprepared for the Worst: World's Most Vulnerable Brace for Virus](#)
- Reuters, [Palestinians report first death from coronavirus](#)
- Washington Post, [How the coronavirus is igniting riots, releases and crackdowns in world's prisons](#)
- Reuters, [Turkey struggles to ramp up tests as outbreak reaches critical phase](#)
- The New York Times, [Japan's Virus Success Has Puzzled the World. Is Its Luck Running Out?](#)
- The Washington Post, [Italy's new coronavirus cases are slowing. How soon until normal life returns?](#)
- Reuters, [Indonesia's health system on the brink as coronavirus surge looms](#)

## Travel

- The New York Times, [Inside American Airlines' Scramble as Virus Grounds Jets by Hundreds](#)
- USA Today, [Protesters in Mexico block lanes at Arizona border crossing to demand stricter coronavirus screenings](#)
- ABC News, [Americans still stranded overseas by coronavirus travel bans are frustrated, confused](#)
- Forbes, [Everything You Need To Know About Canada's New Mandatory Coronavirus Travel Quarantine](#)
- The New York Times, [Big-Name Hotels Go Empty and Smaller Owners Are Hurt](#)
- USA Today, [Dr. Fauci warns of 'imported' coronavirus cases once travel ban lifts](#)
- CNN, [Today's hotel is tomorrow's coronavirus hospital](#)
- Forbes, [Coronavirus Aid Bill Could Be Lifeline For Travel Advisors](#)
- USA Today, [Airlines owe you a refund when they cancel a flight. So why is United balking during coronavirus crisis?](#)

## Sports

- Axios, [How the sports world is helping on coronavirus](#)
- Los Angeles Times, [Coronavirus: Tokyo Olympics could be held before summer of 2021](#)
- USA Today, [Dick Vitale: Coronavirus 'bigger than sports,' urges politicians to put lives first](#)
- Forbes, [Sports Simulations Help Fans Fill Void Of Missing Games Amid Coronavirus Pandemic](#)
- The New York Times, [The Coronavirus and the Postponement of the Olympics, Explained](#)
- Quartz, [Coronavirus is blocking the painstaking path to equal pay in sports](#)
- NPR, [Historic Games, Documentaries And ... Marble Races: ESPN Without Live Sports](#)
- Axios, [Coronavirus cancels baseball's opening day](#)
- CNBC, [Coronavirus: WHO officials say IOC's decision to delay Olympics was 'difficult but wise'](#)

## Politics

- NBC News, [Trump's businesses barred from bailout money in Senate coronavirus bill](#)
- Politico, [Trumpworld unloads on GOP ally as coronavirus attacks mount](#)
- CNN, [Fact Check: US has done more coronavirus tests than South Korea, but not per person](#)
- USA Today, [Pelosi says there will be a 'strong bipartisan vote' on coronavirus package, lays out priorities for future stimulus](#)
- NBC News, [Americans don't know what to do about coronavirus. Neither does the president.](#)
- Washington Post, [U.S. government waives policy requiring that students come in person to pick up free school meals](#)
- NBC News, [U.S. insisting that the U.N. call out Chinese origins of coronavirus](#)
- Axios, [Pennsylvania is latest state to delay primary due to coronavirus](#)
- CNN, [What's in the \\$2 trillion coronavirus stimulus bill](#)
- USA Today, [Local jails releasing hundreds of prisoners amid coronavirus fears, up from dozens just weeks ago](#)

## **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

### **Key Dates (March 2020):**

- 3/1/20: U.S. reports first two deaths
- 3/2/20: Number of cases reported in Italy spikes by nearly 50%; the E.U. raised its risk level to “high”
- 3/6/20: Number of cases surpassed 100,000 globally
- 3/9/20: Global stock markets plunged and oil prices dropped amid global anxiety
- 3/10/20: Number of known coronavirus cases in the U.S. surpassed 1,000
- 3/10/20: Deadliest single day toll to date
- 3/11/20: WHO declares a pandemic; U.S. bans travel from Europe, excluding the U.K.
- 3/13/20: Trump declares a national emergency
- 3/14/20: U.S. extends travel ban to include Britain, Ireland
- 3/18/20: The EU announced it will seal its borders; the U.S. and Canada will close its border to “non-essential” traffic

### **Relevant Links:**

- WHO press briefings Monday/Wednesday/Friday ([LINK](#))
- White House Task Force briefing (11:30 AM ET, [Twitter](#))
- CDC COVID-19 travel advisories ([LINK](#))
- CDC report on situation in the U.S. ([LINK](#)) and Cases in the U.S. ([LINK](#))
- FDA updates related to COVID-19 ([LINK](#))
- Tips to prevent spread ([CDC](#), [WHO](#))
- News outlets with LIVE running updates on COVID-19 ([NYT](#), [WSJ](#), [CNN](#), [BBC](#), [The Guardian](#))
- Outbreak Trackers: ([NYT U.S.](#), [NYT World](#), [Foreign Policy](#), [Information is Beautiful](#))
- Event Cancellation Tracker ([AdAge](#), [NYT](#))
- Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy (CIDRAP) COVID-19 resource center ([LINK](#))

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